

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and before the first Office Action, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.